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NEW-BEDFORD LYCEUM.

☞ The Annual Course of Lectures will commence on **TUESDAY EVENING, Oct. 12th, at Liberty Hall.**

The Committee have engaged most of the following gentlemen:—**BISHOP POTTER**, of Philadelphia; **PARK BENJAMIN**, **HENRY GILES**, **Prof. HADDOCK**, of Dartmouth College; **HERMANN MELVILLE**, Esq., and **E. P. WHIPPLE**, Esq.

Oct. 12.—**THEOPHILUS PARSONS**, Esq.: "Study of History."

Oct. 19 and 26.—**FLETCHER WEBSTER**, Esq.: "On China."

Nov 2—**CHAS. T. CONGDON**.

Nov. 9.—**Rev. EPH. PEABODY**. "The Religious Tendencies of Modern Science."

Nov. 16.—**Rev. CHAS. T. BROOKS**: "Hints to Future Historians of Luther and the Reformation."

The Committee are negotiating with other well known lecturers.

THOS. A. GREENE,
JOHN A. KASSON, } Committee.
L. F. BRIGHAM,

☞ Tickets to be had at **Bourne & Lewis'** bookstore, at **Wm C Taber & Sons'**, and **Wm P S Cadwell's**.

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NOTICE.

☞ The price of Tickets for Admission to the New Bedford Lyceum for the ensuing year will be **50 cents** each. Individuals may retain their membership by the purchase of two Tickets, which they will obtain of **GEO A BOURNE**, Treasurer, **JNO F POPE**, Secretary, oct8-tf

LECTURE ASSOCIATION.

☞ The Annual Course of Lectures will commence on **MONDAY EVENING, Oct. 11th, 1847.**

Oct 11.—**CHARLES SUMNER**, Esq., Boston. Subject: "Fame and Glory."

Oct 18.—**THEODORE PARKER**, Boston. Subject: "The Political Mission of America."

Oct 25.—**Rev. JOHN WEISS**, Watertown. Subject: "A Tour in Circassia."

Nov 1.—**JOHN W. BROWNE**, Esq., Boston. Subject: "The Novel."

Nov 8.—**Hon. HORACE MANN**, West Newton. Subject: "The different values of different kinds of Knowledge."

Nov 15.—**Hon. HORACE MANN**.

Nov 22.—**ALLEN CROCKER SPOONER**, Esq., Boston.

Nov 29.—**Rev CALEB STETSON**, Medford.

Dec 6.—**Rev JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE**, Boston.

Dec 13.—

Dec 20.—**Rev WILLIAM H CHANNING**, Boston.

Dec 27.—**WM P ATKINSON**, Brattleboro, Vt.

And others whose names will be duly announced.

☞ Tickets for the season **50 cents** each, and transferable; for a single Lecture **25 cents**, which may be obtained at the usual places.

Oct 4. **JOSEPH RICKETSON**, Secretary.

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My Dear friend,

I can well assure you that the receipt of your kind and interesting letter a few days since, gave me much pleasure and satisfaction; and although I had been expecting to hear from you for some time I think you are perfectly excusable in not writing soon. I am well aware that the city of New York is a gay place, and that young damsels have so much to occupy their time while there, that there is but little left to write their distant friends - Right glad am I that you and Lizzie are having such a pleasant time of it - I wish that I could have been there while you are there; what fine times we could have had going round shopping looking into windows &c, I should have imagined myself in New Bedford going round as we used to sometimes in the evening - You cannot tell how much I feel indebted to you and Caroline for your very valuable present - I shall always consider it among my choicest treasures - I wrote to Caroline & thanked her and yourself, and presume she has received the letter, though I have not heard from her since - She is undoubtedly enjoying "Otium cum dignitate," I am again

I am very sorry to be obliged to inform you that
my health has been very poor almost ever
since I was at Weymouth, for a few days
after I returned I felt quite well. The weather
was exceedingly warm while I was in Goshen
and whether it is owing to that or the very im-
moral atmosphere ^{there} I am unable to say. I
have had much of the head ache and
for the last week hardly been able to do
any thing. I am not confined to the house
however but go moping about; to day I feel
little better and have ventured to write
you this letter poor as it may be. My well
and inclination are good enough, and if the
performance is not very valuable you no doubt
will take the will for the deed. The rest
are all well. Mrs E. Ricketts has been spend-
ing the last week with us, and is very agreeable.
would that she might always be so. Phoebe Ann
Russell that was, now Mrs Monell and her hus-
band are here on a visit, and I think you
must laugh when I tell you that Aunt
Bethiah, Grand Mother Russell gives a party
this evening to all her grand children on
their account. She has rode out twice and
spent one day at John R Throntons. I think
she may live many years yet. Sometimes
her upper works get a little deranged, and then
look out. Should that be the case this evening
what a laughable and pitiable time we shall have

Heate intends spending the winter in Philadelphia
I think she leaves here on Wednesday next,
and I hope you will be able to see each
other in New York - We have had some very
fine preaching lately - Rev Mr Holland of Rochester
New York preached two Sundays - he is a good
abolitionist as well as interested in all the other
reforms, in my letter to Caroline, I think I
made mention of visiting the jail & almshouse.
The next Sunday after I wrote her, we had an
adjourned meeting of the Anti Slavery Society
from North to this place - Mr May & Pittsbury
were here - the former is cousin to Mr Holland
In the afternoon Mr Holland attended and
made a very good speech & in the evening at
his own rather our church he gave a very fine
peace sermon in which were many very good
abolition sentiments - He is a fine man. He sit
aid with me & I like him much - But last
Sunday we had some of the finest preaching
I ever heard from Rev Mr Weiss of Watertown -
The whole audience were taken by surprise,
he is not much larger ^{than} myself & his voice is feeble
but very clear, it can be truly called the still
small voice - he was hardly heard at first but
in a few moments his voice became louder
and all was quiet so much so that you could
have heard a pin drop - and the strictest
attention was paid by all - We hardly think of any
one else now but him, he has made such an impression

I have been trying for the last six months to get the
Committee to have him here and finally pre-
vailed upon them. He is to preach again next
Sunday and perhaps longer. He also remains
with me. The best of all is that I have secured
him to lecture before the Association, and
if he writes another lecture this winter, we
are to have that also. You cannot tell what
a mess the Lyceum are in. They had hoped
and so far deceived themselves, to think that
by the recording of their "odious vote," we should
have no lectures this winter & were all taken
by surprise, when our course was announced.
They have shown no manliness or courtesy, for if
they thought we were not to have any lectures,
it would have been but fair to have noti-
fied some of our lecturers; but this they did not
nor have to my knowledge done. They announced
their lectures on the same day we did and by
the advertisement enclosed you can judge for your-
self. They say we are obstinate. I tell them, it is as fair
to ask them to give up, as to ask us. Our motto is "Exce-
cra in plain English" "Go a head". They had a meeting last
evening & reduced their tickets from two dollars to fifty cents
& yesterday they were trying to sell their tickets to colored
people at that price, when only two years ago, they could
have got two dollars. Verily what a fall was there.
My townsman - Tempora Mutantur. One large colored man
has purchased a ticket & says it may happen that he may set sail
of "Capt Merrill". There's fun a head. Good bye write soon. Yr true friend
Joseph Ricketts